

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLANDBILL NO. 98-21Introduced by: Council President Parrott at the request of the County ExecutiveLegislative Day No. 98-15 Date May 19, 1998

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article VIII, General Provisions, of the Harford County Charter, as amended, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 801, Code of Ethics; to provide that the Board of Ethics shall consist of five members; and to further provide that the members shall serve terms of four years with staggered initial terms; and to further provide that no more than three members can be from the same political party; and generally relating to the Code of Ethics; and to require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their acceptance or rejection, in accordance with Section 905 of the Harford County Charter.

By the Council, May 19, 1998

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: July 14, 1998at: 7:30 p.m.By Order: Mary Kate Hurlig, Acting Council Administrator**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on July 14, 1998, and concluded on July 14, 1998.

Mary Kate Hurlig, Acting Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, that  
2 Section 801, Code of Ethics, of Article VIII, General Provisions, of the Harford County  
3 Charter, as amended, be, and it is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments, to read as  
4 follows:

5 Article VIII. General Provisions

6 Section 801. Code of Ethics.

7 The Council shall enact a code of ethics, and provide for the enforcement and penalties  
8 for violations thereof, covering all elected and appointed officers and employees of the County  
9 paid in whole or in part from County funds, and including persons appointed to serve on  
10 boards or commissions. The code of ethics shall provide for the establishment of a ceiling on  
11 and the regulation of campaign expenditures for offices established by this Charter. The code  
12 of ethics shall also provide for the establishment of a [three] FIVE member board to  
13 administer the code. Members of such board, to be known as the Board of Ethics, shall be  
14 appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Council [for a term coterminous with  
15 that of the County Executive]. OF THE FIVE MEMBERS, TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE  
16 APPOINTED FOR INITIAL TERMS OF THREE YEARS, TWO MEMBERS SHALL BE  
17 APPOINTED FOR INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS, AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE  
18 APPOINTED FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF ONE YEAR. AFTER EXPIRATION OF THE  
19 INITIAL TERMS, ALL TERMS SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS. Not more than [two]  
20 THREE members of the Board shall be members of the same political party.

21 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that before this Act becomes effective, it shall be  
22 submitted to a Referendum of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance  
23 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at the General Election to be

1 held in November, 1998. There shall be printed on the ballots or ballot labels used at this  
2 election a brief summary in understandable language of the purpose of this Act, and  
3 underneath the summary, on separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the  
4 words, "For\_\_\_," and a corresponding square or box to the right of and opposite the words  
5 "Against\_\_\_," so that each voter may vote for or against the provisions of this Act. If a  
6 majority of the votes cast in the election are "For\_\_\_," the provisions of this Act shall become  
7 effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) calendar day following the election, but if a  
8 majority of the votes cast in the election are "Against\_\_\_," the provisions of this Act shall be  
9 of no effect and null and void.

10 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted that, subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Act  
11 and for the sole purpose of providing for the referendum therein required, this Act shall take  
12 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

13 EFFECTIVE: September 21, 1998

*The Acting Council Administrator does hereby certify  
that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available  
for distribution to the public and the press.*

*Mary Kate Fleming*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Acting Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 98-21(Brief Title) Charter Amendment - Board of Ethics

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT

ENROLLED

Mary Kate Herbig  
Acting Council Administrator

Loanne S. Barrett  
President of the Council

Date July 14, 1998Date 7/14/98

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

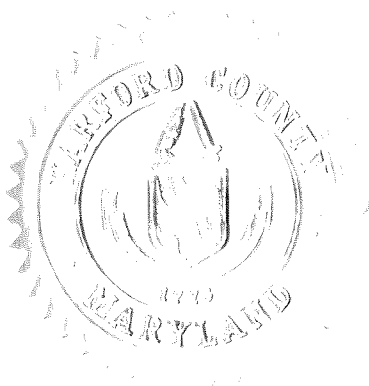
Passed: LSD 98-19 (July 14, 1998)

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Mary Kate Herbig  
Acting Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 16th day of July, 1998 at 3:00 p. m.



Mary Kate Herbig  
Acting Council Administrator

BY THE EXECUTIVE

Julien M. Rehmann  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date July 21, 1998

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 98-21), having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 21, 1998.

Diane Devine Lewis  
Acting Council Administrator

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 21, 1998



HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

98-21

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June 29, 1998

MEMO TO: MARY KATE HERBIG  
ACTING COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR

THRU: EILEEN REHRMANN  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

LORRAINE COSTELLO *Lorraine Costello*  
CHIEF, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

FROM: JAMES M. JEWELL *James M. Jewell*  
TREASURER

RE: FISCAL IMPACT NOTE SUMMARY BILL 98-21

AN ACT TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE HARFORD COUNTY CHARTER, AS AMENDED, BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING, SECTION 801, CODE OF ETHICS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF ETHICS SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS; AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS WITH STAGGERED INITIAL TERMS; AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS CAN BE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY; AND GENERALLY AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ETHICS; AND TO REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF HARFORD COUNTY FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 905 OF THE HARFORD COUNTY CHARTER.

Pursuant to Section 2-280(a), Article XV, Chapter Two of the Harford County Code as amended, a Fiscal Impact Note Summary follows for the captioned legislation.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

This Act, if approved, would repeal Section 801, Code of Ethics, of the Harford County Code, as amended. It would reenact

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## COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

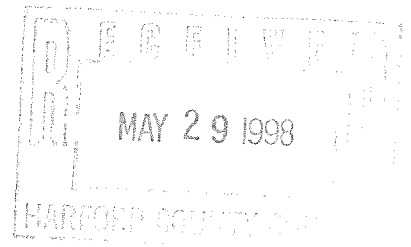
May 29, 1998

### EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

FROM: Shirley A. Ross *SK*  
Administrative Specialist

RE: **Bill Number 98-21**  
**Charter Amendment - Board of Ethics**  
**Public Hearing - July 14, 1998 at 7:30 pm**



The enclosed legislation has been introduced by the County Executive, and is being directed to your office for staff review.

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE SPONSORED LEGISLATION

Ernie Crofoot Because this legislation affects the operation of your Department, please notify this office and the Secretary of the Council who will represent your Department at the Public Hearing.

### COUNTY COUNCIL SPONSORED LEGISLATION

\_\_\_\_\_ Will act as Executive Branch spokesperson to coordinate comments and represent the Executive Branch at the Public Hearing.

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